

## *How can I help Servant Year?*

There are many ways you can provide support:

- ▲ Include Servant Year in your prayers
- ▲ Let people know about us and refer any individuals with an interest in the Servant Year experience or any agencies that would benefit from a Servant Year intern
- ▲ Financial contributions are gratefully appreciated.

## *Where can I find out more about Servant Year?*

You can find additional information about Servant Year by visiting the Servant Year website at:

<http://www.servantyear.net>

Or by contacting:

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*facio servitium civitas*

Urban interns in service to the  
people of Greater Philadelphia

A Joint Program of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania  
and the  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



*“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant...”*

*-Philippians 2.5-7*

## ***What is Servant Year?***

Servant Year is an AmeriCorps social service program of the Episcopal Diocese of PA and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Servant Year began in September of 2001. Servant Year carries out its mission under the guidance of an advisory board made up of local Episcopal and Lutheran clergy as well as Philadelphia professionals interested in furthering the mission of Servant Year. Servant Year is an ecumenical Christian community seeking to recruit and place young women and men who have recently completed college. Those accepted into the program explore social outreach and public service as urban interns. These interns are placed within one of Servant Year's partnering agencies in the greater Philadelphia area and complete one year of service to some underserved population.



## ***What does “facio servitium civitas” mean?***

*facio servitium civitas* - be in service to the city

These Latin words serve as the motto for Servant Year to help illustrate and remind us of our mission to serve the Greater Philadelphia community following the example set forth by Christ.

## ***How has Servant Year Served?***

To date, Servant Year has placed over 30 full time interns within eight social service agencies throughout and around Philadelphia providing over 50,000 hours of service.

## ***Who are the Servant Year Interns?***

Servant Year Interns are intelligent, motivated, proactive young adults who wish to follow in Christ's footsteps by serving those in need. Recruiting is primarily from the Episcopal and Lutheran communities. However, young persons from any Christian denomination are encouraged to apply.

## ***What is the Intern application process?***

All interested individuals should email a resume, two references, any volunteer experience and a letter of interest (a description of why you feel Servant Year is right for you) to Servant Year at [servantyear@gmail.com](mailto:servantyear@gmail.com).

## ***What benefits are Interns offered?***

The Intern's benefits include a \$500/month stipend, housing and utilities, student loan d e f e r m e n t , t r a n s p o r t a t i o n assistance, medical benefits and two weeks of vacation.



Four retreats per year are provided to focus on spiritual development, community building and relaxation. Participants may be eligible for a \$4,725 AmeriCorps grant to go towards loan repayment or additional education upon completion of the program.

## ***Where are the Interns placed?***

Servant Year Interns are available for placement within any qualified social service agency in the Greater Philadelphia area whose mission is to assist urban children, seniors, the poor, and others in need. The agencies that Servant Year has partnered with in the past, and who have supported an intern, include the following:



- ▲ Volunteers of America
- ▲ Lutheran Children and Family Services
- ▲ United Communities Southeast Philadelphia
- ▲ Episcopal Community Services
- ▲ Silver Springs - Martin Luther School
- ▲ Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ▲ Covenant House
- ▲ Project H.O.M.E.
- ▲ St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chester, PA

## ***What are the Interns responsibilities?***

Servant Year Interns volunteer 1700 hours of their time during a 51-week period. Interns are provided with support, training and supervision by the Servant Year director and the agency throughout the course of their internship. Interns in the past have typically worked in the following areas:

- ▲ Homeless People
- ▲ Youth and adult based education programs
- ▲ At-risk children and youth